

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the above-mentioned Final Rejection, claims 1-7 were rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,540,791 (Dias) in view of U.S. Patent 4,857,306 (Roller) and claims 8-12 were allowed.

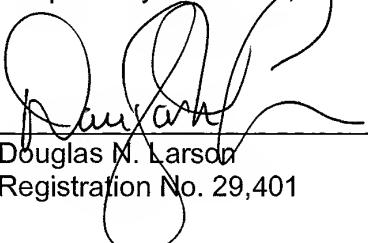
In response to the Final Rejection, claims 1-7 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

It is respectfully contended that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Issuance of the Notice of Allowance at an early date is thus in order.

If there are any remaining issues, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the below-signed counsel for Applicant at (310) 785-5384 to seek to resolve them.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-0440. Should such additional fees be associated with an extension of time, Applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

Respectfully submitted,



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